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QUEEN VICTORIA'S favorite song is said to be "And Ye Shall Walk in Silk Attire."

The levee improvement goes marching on, and the aldermen who prevented its slaughter at the last moment are very much on top.

THERE LIVES in Sedalia, Mo., an old gentleman who was tutor to the late King Alfonso XII. of Spain. His name is Col. Van B. Wisker, an American, born of English parents.

ROOSEVELT has already shied his castor into the ring for 1900. He will prove a formidable opponent to McKinley and his immediate political friends are well aware of the fact.

ONE of the most notable incidents of the last election was the defeat of Representative Joseph H. Walker, of Worcester, in the Third Massachusetts district, by John R. Taylor, a district that is rock-ribbed in its fidelity to republican principles. Mr. Walker was elected two years ago over his democratic competitor by a majority of 11,800.

EXHAUSTIVE investigations are being made by Spain to determine the cause and place the blame for the destruction of her fleets at Manila and at Santiago. These investigations are being conducted by the supreme council of war and marine, according to information received, and they are expected to cover at least ten months. Some good Samaritans ought to send the Spanish supreme council of war and marine photographs of Dewey and Sampson.—Keokuk Constitution-Democrat.

GOV. ALTGELD finds that practically every democrat elected to congress last election stood squarely on the silver plank of the Chicago platform in making the canvass. The governor says: "The gold democracy will now pass out of existence and the democratic party from the Atlantic to the Pacific will line up on higher ground. It will assume the aggressive, and not only fight for the mighty principles enunciated in 1896, but will make itself the champion of struggling humanity. It will pull this country out of the pool of corruption into which the republicans have dragged it, and will lead our people toward a higher civilization. The election will make Mr. Bryan more formidable than he has ever been, for it is going to bring to the front the great principles which he has advocated."

A MOLINE paper has felt constrained to rush to the defense of Sheriff-elect

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but did not rise or discharge. The doctor thought best to cut it out, but I objected. It finally broke and discharged a great deal. The doctors said they could do nothing for it. Then the tumor began to rise inwardly and discharge. I read much about cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla and thought I would try it. Before I had finished taking one bottle I was much relieved. I continued the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking 12 bottles I was entirely cured. I am now well, have a good appetite and feel that I owe my life to Hood's Sarsaparilla." W. D. FOX.

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Cralle's appointments, and in the connection indulges in a bit of labored sarcasm to the effect that "Mr. Cralle really ought to have consulted THE ARGUS about the matter of giving all the appointments to Rock Island, and then THE ARGUS possibly would have been satisfied," etc. In view of the fact that the sheriff-elect consulted THE ARGUS about as much as he did the over-ambitious Moline paper, which has thus spoken, its eagerness to say something in his defense, is amusing, to say the least. However, THE ARGUS pleads to be excused from being satisfied with any appointments Mr. Cralle could have made in Rock Island—even to the whole bunch—if they had been on a par with the individual selected to play second fiddle in the official orchestra about the jail building.

## Pearls in Illinois.

For a good many years the pearl industry along Green river, a tributary of Rock river, in Illinois, has attracted some spasmodic attention, principally from those out of regular employment. The Green River News says the largest and finest pearl ever found in the river is worn by James Kerr, of that place, in a ring. It is nearly as large as a hazelnut, and is almost perfect in shape and lustre. It is interesting to know that these pearls are formed by an accretion of calcareous juices, which cover grains of sand or other foreign substances that get within the shell of the clam. Pearls can be manufactured, with the help of this bivalve, by introducing shot within the shell and returning the clam to the water. Perfectly round pearls can thus be produced in from six months to a year. The longer they are allowed to remain, the deeper the nacreous coating, and the finer the luster of the pearl. The reason so many pearls are oblong and misshapen rests in the fact that they are formed about oblong and misshapen objects. By mashing the shot flat, a flat pearl is produced, very nice for brooches or pins. Other substances may be used as well as shot. The Chinese insert a small image of their god, Buddha, and in a year have the little statuette in pearl. They cut all sorts of fantastic images in tin, and thus produce all manner of pearls, stars, discs, crosses and any other shapes that fancy suggests. The News has found the following interesting article, setting forth the operation, in an Iowa exchange:

"Experiments of a like nature with the rough-shelled unies of the Cedar river (Iowa) have been practiced for the last few years with fair success. An average sized shell or shells from a section of the river bed known to produce brilliant lustered shells were allowed to remain in the sun until the valves parted. With a quickly inserted wedge in the opening the shell is immediately dipped in water to sustain life. The operator then carefully lifts the mantle from the shell, and with a pair of tweezers drops in a pellet of wax, glass bead or other small article that he is desirous of having coated. Care is taken not to strain the muscles by forcing the wedge while the clam is resisting the intrusion. After objects are placed in that parts of the clam showing the best color, the mantle is drawn to place, the wedge removed and the clam allowed to resume its normal condition. With a sufficient number fixed in the above described way they are placed in a pond or bayou that will not freeze its depth during the winter. At the expiration of six months or one year at the most, the unio will have thrown a covering that securely fastens them to the shell. Usually about two-thirds of the object thus fastened remains above the shell, though it is presumed that in time the natural growth of the shell would entirely effect this."

## Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at Hartz & Ulmeyer's drug store.

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Half a Billion Dollars' Worth Owned Here—Amount Rapidly Increasing.

In no country are there more diamonds to be found than in the United States, according to the population. It is estimated by a leading Maiden lane (New York) diamond dealer that there are upward of \$500,000,000 worth of diamonds in this country. Moreover, this vast amount is increasing year by year.

Until quite recently diamonds were rarely cut in this country, but American inventors have developed a process for diamond cutting which is vastly superior to that done abroad.

The loss in weight through cutting is sometimes fully one-half, but the value is increased probably more than two-fold.

The Dutch city of Amsterdam has been the great diamond cutting center of the world from time immemorial and up to a few years ago over 12,000 people in that place were directly or indirectly dependent upon this trade.

But it was not reasonable to suppose that Amsterdam should continue to hold a monopoly of diamond cutting. As one of the greatest importing cities of the world, New York gradually offered inducements to diamond cutters, and an industry has been gradually built up here that is now very flourishing and profitable. In 1883 Henry D. Morse of Boston invented a machine for cutting and polishing diamonds, and since then improvements have been made upon it that are very important. The foreigners continue to polish their stones by hand, but in this country machinery is largely used.

A famous gem expert places the total value of all the diamonds in the world at over \$1,000,000,000, of which \$350,000,000 worth are in the hands of dealers, carried as stock. All of the other diamonds are in the hands of private individuals, and the question naturally arises, who owns them? This is not so easily answered, except in the case of large and world famous gems.—Godey's Magazine.

## PAYNE'S DESERTED TOMB.

Reminiscences of the Author of "Home, Sweet Home."

The old Christian cemetery at Tunis is one of the strangest sights in that strange town. Just off a busy thoroughfare, under an ancient archway, is a heavy wooden gate, much worn by the lapse of time, thickly studded with fantastic nails and provided with a prodigious knocker. The latter, however, is not needed, for the gate yields to an energetic push, and you find yourself in a large, walled enclosure, half garden, half graveyard, where an Italian woman is hanging out clothes among the giant white tombs. It is 13 years since any one was buried here, and the place is beginning to look neglected. The modern cemetery is now outside the walls, and its guardian told me that many people came to him to inquire for the monument of "an American poet" or "an American consul," and he had to send them to the old graveyard. The monument in question is that of the author of "Home, Sweet Home," and it bears the following inscription upon its sides:

"In memory of John Howard Payne, author of 'Home, Sweet Home.' Born June 9, 1791; died April 9, 1852. Erected A. D. 1855."

"[American Arms—eagle surmounted by motto 'E Pluribus Unum.']" "Died at the American consulate in Tunis. Aged 60 years and 10 months."

"In the tomb beneath this stone the poet's remains lay buried for 30 years. On Jan. 5, 1858, they were disinterred and taken away to his native land, where they received honor and final burial in the city of Washington June 9, 1858. 'Then be content, poor heart.'"

"Sure when thy gentle spirit fled To realms beyond the azure dome With arms outstretched God's angel said, 'Welcome, home, sweet home, sweet home.'"

There is a certain appropriateness about the fact that the author of the exile's most pathetic anthem should have died so many thousand miles away from home.—London Sketch.

A new invention is one to make telegraph wire out of paper. The interior cable is lead covered, and thin spirals of paper are wound around each interior wire. The cost is said to be one-fiftieth of rubber insulated cable.

Beware of the man who smiles when he's angry; he's dangerous. And beware also of the man who looks glad when he's glad; he's probably a humorist.—Exchange.

Wiscosan Banking Law Broken. Madison, Wis., Nov. 15.—Returns have been received from only forty counties in the banking law, but those returns indicate that it is defeated by a large majority.

## The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. 7, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Hartz & Ulmeyer's drug store.

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